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AUGUSTA FIRE/EMA TRACKING WEATHER SYSTEM THAT MAY BRING FREEZING TEMPERATURES TO THE CSRA

AUGUSTA, Ga., January 13, 2022 – The Augusta Fire Department/EMA is currently tracking a low-pressure system and arctic air that could converge over Richmond County, bringing freezing temperatures and potential for ice on the roads. The weather system is predicated to arrive overnight Saturday into Sunday.

EMA staff members are having daily meetings with our partner agencies to ensure all parties are prepared for potentially hazardous conditions.

Augusta Fire/EMA recommends people begin planning to take precautions as this cold front makes its way to the Augusta region.

Steps people can take include:

- Plan on being home and remaining there by late Saturday evening through Sunday.
- If you must go out, give yourself extra time to get to your destination and drive at a safer and slower speed.
- When home, if you use a space heater to keep warm, make sure you keep it at least three feet from anything flammable, that it's plugged directly into an outlet or UL-certified power strip, and that it has an auto-shutoff if it tips over. Never use your oven to heat your home.
- It's always recommended to have 3 days of supplies at home. Find more tips to be prepared at <https://www.augustaga.gov/1905/Winter-Weather>

"The best thing people can do is to start preparing today for a day of potentially hazardous conditions," said Fire Chief/EMA Director Antonio Burden.

If any media outlets need more information, please contact the Augusta Fire/ EMA Department Public Information Officer, Jason DeHart. You can reach him at jdehart@augustaga.gov or by phone at (706) 821-2489.

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